ALABAMA BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY

MINUTES

OF THE

FORTY-SIXTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

SHELBY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HELD WITH

COLUMBIANA CHURCH, SHELBY COUNTY, ALA.

August 30, 31 and September 1, 1898.

OFFICERS:

R. H. PRATT, Moderator, Six Mile, Ala.

C. W. O'HARA, Clerk and Treas., Columbiana, Ala.

The next session of the Association will be held with Dogwood Grove Church on the B. B. B. R. R., four miles north of Montevallo, Shelby County, Ala., commencing on Tuesday before the First Sunday in September, 1899. at 10 a. m.

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ORDER OF BUSINESS.

FIRST DAY.

1. Devotional Exercises.
2. Introductory Sermon.
3. Read Letters from Churches.
4. Elect Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer.
5. Invite Visiting Brethren to Seats.
6. Invite Churches to join the Association.
7. Appoint committees on Preaching Finance and Nominations.
8. Fill Vacancies on Standing Committees.
9. Call for Correspondence.
10. Return Correspondence.
11. Miscellaneous Business.

SECOND DAY.

12. Devotional Exercises.
13. Read Minutes of First Day and call the Roll.
14. Report on Family Religion.
15. Report on Orphans' Home.
16. Report on Education.
17. Reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions.
18. Missionary Sermon at 11 a. m.
19. Report on Ministerial Education.
20. Report on Periodicals.

THIRD DAY.

21. Devotional Exercises.
22. Report on Aged and Infirm Ministers.
23. Report on Temperance.
24. Report on Sabbath Schools.
25. Report on Nominations.
26. Report on Finance.
27. Treasurer's Report.
28. Appoint Standing Committees.
29. Order Clerk's Salary paid, and 500 copies Minutes printed
30. Miscellaneous Business.
31. Adjourn.

MINUTES

The Shelby Association met with Columbiana church on Tuesday, August 30, 1898.

Devotional exercises were conducted by Rev. N. T. Lucas. Lesson read from the 14th chapter of St. John.

The introductory sermon was preached by Rev. M. P. Reynolds, from Heb. 11:4, "He being dead yet speaketh."

AFTERNOON SESSION.

R. H. Pratt, the former moderator, called the Association to order. Read the 13th chapter I Cor., and prayer was offered by Rev. A. E. Burns.

J. F. Averyt and J. M. Collier read the letters from the churches, and the names of the messengers were enrolled as follows:

FIRST DISTRICT.

Brierfield.—J. M. Collier.
Bethlehem.—Not represented.
Cahaba Valley.—Ross Crider, Samuel Kendrick.
Calera.—C. C. Slaton.
Dogwood Grove.—L. F. Lucas, J. D. Scott, H. W. Davisson.
Enon.—N. T. Lucas, E. N. Daniel.
Helena.—L. L. Padgett, B. O. Denson.
Longview.—W. B. Dever.
Montevallo.—S. A. Latham, M. P. Reynolds.
Mars Hill.—Not represented.
Macedonia.—Letter and funds.
New Antioch.—Not represented.
Six Mile.—R. H. Pratt, W. H. Connell.

SECOND DISTRICT.

Bethesda.—J. M. Taylor, Amos Acker, C. C. Seale.
Columbiana.—E. B. Teague, C. W. O'Hara, J. L Peters.
Center Hill.—J. C. Coker.
Florence.—J. M. Crenshaw, B. C. Hughes, T. J. Cabaniss.
Liberty.—M. J. Coooper, R. Eubanks.
Kingdom.—D. W. Whitfield, J. E. Richey, J. C. Whitfield.
Mt. Calvary.—A. J. Shaw, J. W. Miner, James Harper.

New Prospect.—C. W. Fancher, G. W. Mooney, J. R. G. R. Carden.
New Hopewell.—T. M. Nelson, E. L. Barber, James Collier.
Rocky Ridge.—C. B. Davis, Wm. Blackerby.
Summer Hill.—L. Q. Gould, J. C. Reinhart, W. E. Price.
Shelby.—J. F. Averyt, S. J. May, L. C. Abbott.

The former moderator, R. H. Pratt, and C. W. O'Hara, former clerk and treasurer, were reelected by acclamation.

Invited visiting ministers to seats.

Invited new churches to join the Association.

Letters were presented by J. A. Whitfield and J. M. Smith from Pilgrim's Rest church, and from Free Springs church by P. A. Wood, W. L. Brown and D. R. Hatcher.

The churches were received, the moderator extending to the messengers the hand of fellowship.

Appointed committees.

On Devotional Exercises.—The pastor and messengers of Columbiana church.
On Finance.—J. M. Crenshaw, W. D. Whitfield, J. D. Scott.
On Nominations.—J. L. Peters, J. W. Miner, L. L. Padgett.

Filled vacancies on standing committees.

On Family Religion.—C. C. Slaton, J. C. Reinhart, L. F. Lucas.
On Education.—J. M. Collier, W. H. Connell, J. C. Whitfield.
On Periodicals.—J. W. Day, J. M. Taylor, James Collier.
On State Missions.—A. E. Burns, B. C. Hughes, William Blackerby.

On motion the reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were made the special order for 11 a. m. Wednesday.

Called for correspondence.

A. E. Burns, T. V. Neil and G. M. Lowery were recognized from the Coosa River Association; A. E. Burns as representative of the State Board of Missions; J. K. Milner, from the Calhoun Association, as representative of the Home Mission Board.

Returned correspondence.

To the Coosa River Association, W. L. Davis.

To the Mulberry, W. H. Connell, J. M. Collier.

To the Cahaba, R. H. Pratt, W. H. Connell.

To the Tuscaloosa, R. H. Pratt.

On motion, the time of meeting and adjourning was fixed to meet at 9 a. m., adjourn at 12; meet at 2 p. m., adjourn at 5 p. m.; meet at 8 p. m., adjourn at will.

The committee on Devotional Exercises reported that T. V. Neil would preach at night.

After prayer by M. P. Reynolds, the Association adjourned.

Preaching at night by T. V. Neil from II Cor. 12:9, "My grace is sufficient for thee."

WEDNESDAY, August 31.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer services were conducted by B. C. Davis.

The minutes of the preceding day were read and approved.

The following resolutions on the Orphan's Home were offered by A. E. Burns:

Resolved, That we note with pleasure and gratitude to God the blessed work being accomplished by the Alabama Baptist Orphanage.

Resolved, That this laudable enterprise deserves a place in the sympathies, and a share in the contributions, of all the churches.

Resolved, That all the churches of this Association be and are hereby affectionately requested to take a collection for this deserving institution and forward the same to Rev. J. W. Stewart, Evergreen, Ala.

Resolved, That the consideration of the claims of the Orphanage hereafter have a place in the program of the proceedings, and that the moderator be instructed to appoint a committee to report at the next Association.

The discussion was participated in by A. E. Burns, M. P. Reynolds, C. W. O'Hara, W. D. Whitfield and T. J. Cabaniss.

A collection was taken for the Home, and a specia prayer was offered by T. J. Cabaniss, and the resolutions adopted.

The report on Education was read and discussed by

J. M. Collier, E. B. Teague, H. A. Stovall, C. C. Slaton.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

We, your committee, submit for your consideration the following report on education:

While, perhaps, the country is improving educationally, yet much more is being said about educatian than is actually being done. This is clearly shown by the fact that reports emphasizing the importance of education have been annually made to the Shelby Association for many years, and yet the average length of our schools does not exceed four months.

The good of our country, religiously and otherwise, demands an educated citizenship; therefore, it behooves us, as Baptists, to labor more earnestly for the upbuilding of our common schools. It is well enough for us to meet and pass resolutions, submit reports, etc., but the important thing for us to do is to bring about results in our respective communities.

Our colleges are doing excellent work for those who attend them, but they do not directly reach the masses and are not, therefore, so important to us as our home schools. Furthermore, to improve our common schools would be to improve our colleges for, with good schools at home, we would more fully realize the need of colleges.

We recommend that our Association take more interest in Howard College, Judson Institute and the Seminary at Louisville; and insist that some steps should be taken at once toward paying the Howard College debt.

Let our next Associational year be one of great educational progress.

The following amendment was offered by C. W. O'Hara:

Resolved, That this Association endeavor to raise $100 each year for five years for the payment of the Howard College debt, the churches adopting such methods for raising the funds as in their wisdom may be deemed best.

J. M. Collier, Chairman.

Adopted.

The reports on State, Home and Foreign Missions were read.

The Missionary Sermon was preached by W. H. Connell from Matt. 28:30, "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

Benediction by M. P. Reynolds, after which the Association adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Association met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer was offered by W. D. Whitfield.

The discussion on the Mission reports was participated in by A. E. Burns, W. H. Connell, J. K. Milner, M. P. Reynolds, C. W. O'Hara.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

We, your committee to report on State Missions, are very much grieved to advise that, in our opinion, the State Board is laboring under terrible disadvantages for the want of funds to successfully carry out their undertakings.

It is a sad yet true fact that religious institutions, enterprises and undertakings are the first to feel the effects of a monetary depression. The low price of cotton, the appearance of yellow fever in our midst with its rigid quarantine, and the recent war with Spain, have all had a tendency to demoralize business in our State, and retard to a great extent the progress of our State Missions. Appreciating such a condition we should be more forcibly impressed with our duty as Christians in the spirit of liberality.

We find that our State Board of Missions has curtailed expenses all possible, and are yet in debt. It has been forced to discontinue the handling of Sunday School Literature; it has discontinued the publication of the State Mission Journal, both of which is discouraging.

The six evangelists employed by the Board are doing their utmost, yet can not go into all the rural and destitute portions of our State, or meet with the same success as they would if the Board had ample means.

The clouds of depression are seemingly now passing over, and we should see a brightness in the horizon; therefore, let us in particular of the Shelby Baptist Association now give, and give liberally, to these servants of ours and of the Lord who only need this aid to carry on the good work of Missions in our own State.

J. B. Adams, Chairman.

Adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The report of the Home Mission Board, made at the close of the last conventional year, was one of the best it has ever been permitted to make.

The number of missionaries employed during the year was 467; 4,739 baptisms; $54,251.04 expended on the field for Home Missions, and $56,385.46 expended in building houses of worship.

It may seem, to a casual observer, that this is a field that needs little; but it is a great field, extending from Maryland to the Indian and Oklahoma Territories, and from Louisiana to Cuba.

After all the expenditure and all the work of the missionaries and all the work of the churches and Mission Boards, the unevangelized part of our population has, in fifty years, increased from three million to four times that number, and those unregenerated, who are under the influence of our Baptist teachings

have in the same time arisen from about one million and a half to well-nigh six millions of souls.

The annual net income of our white Baptist churches in the South is only about 4 per cent, while the annual increase of our population is about a half million. The proportion of evangelized christians to that of the unconverted masses is becoming smaller with every passing year, until we are now threatened with a public opinion that disregards the christian element of our civilization and enthrones self-indulgence as the god of its idolatry.

W. H. CONNELL, Chairman.

Adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

When it was announced at Norfolk that the Foreign Mission Board was out of debt, our hearts were made to rejoice. All over the country there were similar rejoicings. The question was then asked, "Will we keep out of debt?" It remains for us to answer that question, for it depends upon the people as to whether we keep the Board free from debt. Each month we need $9,000 to carry on the work as now organized. It has been nearly four months since the Convention met, and only $10,000 have been paid to the Board. Of this amount, Alabama has contributed the small sum of $385. Surely we are not satisfied with this pitiful amount. Let us bring the question home to each one. Are you satisfied with the amount your church has contributed? Are you satisfied with the sum that you have paid into the Lord's treasury? Brother, do you think that the Lord is satisfied with the little that you have given?

Never before in the history of the world has the call of Baptists to Foreign Mission work been greater than at this time. For years the ways into China, Japan, Africa, and other countries of benighted heathendom have been opening up, and calls for missionaries are daily being wafted to us from across the seas. Also, from the Pagan fields of Italy, South America and Mexico the cry comes for help. To these have been added the vast fields opened by the happy conclusion of the late war. Shall we not enter in and take these fields in our Master's name?

Now, there are many reasons why the Baptists should lead in the work of Foreign Missions.

1. We hold the faith once delivered to the saints.

2. We are firmly convinced the churches at Jerusalem, Antioch, Ephesus, Rome, and other churches that sent out the early missionaries were in all essentials Baptist churches, holding the like precious faith with ourselves. Those were Baptist churches into whose custody Christ gave his ordinances. It was to Baptists who followed Him about in Judea and Galilee unto whom Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

Therefore, holding the faith once delivered to the saints; having received the command directly from the Master; having the examples of the primitive churches before them; solemnly preserving the ordinances committed to them, the Baptists are peculiarly fitted to carry the truth to those who sit in darkness.

God has honored us as he has no other denomination in the gift of peerless leaders in our Foreign Missions—such as Carey, Judson, Yates, pioneers among the brethren of their time, stamping their impress on the Protestant mission work of all times, winning, without seeking, the foremost place among modern missions. These were all Baptists, and God meant something when he gave us such men.

Another reason why we as a denomination should go forward in this work is because it costs us less money to make converts than it does the other denominations. On an actual amount of one year's expenses it has been demonstrated that it cost the other leading denominations an average amount of seven times as much per convert as it does the Baptist. In the same year the number of heathen converts added to the Baptist churches exceeded the number added to the churches of all the other five denominations together by 3,100, or more than 35 per cent.

We now have many faithful missionaries in the far-away fields who look to us for their support. The Board pays them every month. The cost of sending the money is reduced to the minimum by means of letters of credit. By the use of these letters there is no trouble or danger of losing money in the mails, and the missionary knows definitely what he can expect. At this time a letter of credit of the Board is good anywhere in the earth. The banks charge us six per cent for money borrowed.

Now we need, more than ever, to realize that this is God's work. He is its author. God loved the world, and gave His Son for it. Working with God and for Him we can not fail; and the truth, that truth which we hold if we are worthy, shall one day win.

M. P. Reynolds, Chairman.

Adopted.

The report on Family Religion was read and discussed by B. C. Hughes and M. P. Reynolds.

REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION.

We, your committee on Family Religion, beg leave to submit the following report:

We hold that to be religious at all is to be religious in one's family. Timely solicitude for the spiritual, moral and temporal welfare for each other; a wholesome, though firm, restraint over our children; a guarded interest in the nature of the amusements of the young and to limit their freedom only to avenues of safety, with regard to that growth from which they will not depart, all finds its incipiency in true religion.

Daily practices of devotion and godly conversation naturally grow out of that conversion we profess to experience.

We further hold that when the sacred precincts of home are made the scenes of practices that one would not have the church to be apprised of, that home has never been refined by the converting power of the Spirit, and he who dwells therein is either deceived in his conversion or else the Bible is wrong.

Brethren, if we profess to have religion and it does not dis-

cover itself to us daily in our families, let us turn about and seek anew that grace which we must have to be religious.

Respectfully submitted.

C. C. SLATON, Chairman.

Adopted.

The report on Ministerial Education was read and discussed by J. F. Averyt, M. P. Peynolds, A. E. Burns.

The following pledges were made for Ministerial Education:

Helena	$ 5.00
Montevallo	10.00
Six Mile	10.00
Kingdom	5.00
Shelby	12.00
Centre Hill	3.00
Florence	3.00
Liberty	10.00
Total	58.00

REPORT ON MINISTERIAL EDUCATION.

We suppose God calls the man and the church makes the discovery and sends him out to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ. Then it becomes the duty of everyone so called to prepare for his lifework. The Savior, when he called the twelve, did not send them out 'till they were educated. Nor did the prophets of old send forth ignorant men to preach. Elijah and Elisha were presidents of theological schools in their day and gave much time to their duties as such. Hence we see the Bible importanae of this work. Every Baptist called to preach, who can, should take advantage of Howard College and the Seminary at Louisville, Ky., that they may have the very best possible training. The churches should give liberally to the Ministerial Fund of Howard College that those who are notable to prepare themselves for the ministry may be enabled to have better educational advantage. We believe thorough preparation of the ministry is the foundation on which every interest of the church and the advancement of the Master's Kingdom rests.

Respectfully submitted,

J. F. AVERYT, Chairman.

Adopted.

After prayer by W. H. Connell the Association adjourned to 8 a. m. Thursday.

Preaching at night by E. B. Teague, D. D.

THURSDAY, September 1.

The Association met at 8 a. m.

Prayer was offered by J. M. Crenshaw.

On motion speeches were limited to five minutes, except the chairmen of committees were allowed fifteen minutes.

The report on Sabbath Schools was read and discussed by A. E. Burns, S. A. Latham, L. L. Padgett, T. J. Cabaniss, W. D. Whitfield, M. P. Reynolds.

REPORT ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday Schools submits the following report:

From the best information obtained by this committee, the Sunday school work in this Association needs a revival. Many of our country churches have no school at all, while others have school only part of the year.

In the towns and villages the attendance is far below what it ought to be, particularly on the part of our grown-up young people; the very ones—young church members—who should avail themselves of this means of christian culture, are too often absent. Then, too, it is often found that numbers of older church members habitually absent themselves from Sunday school. The Sunday school is to supply material for the future churches, and it appears to this committee that all church members should labor, either as teachers or as pupils.

We beg to submit a few requisites for a good Sunday school:

1. A wide-awake superintendent, who has ingenuity enough to keep the general session of the school out of routine. Constant changes of the order of exercises is believed to be beneficial to spiritual liveliness.

2. Consecrated teachers. Your committee desires to put especial stress on the word, CONSECRATED. It is only the consecrated christian who will stick to his post year in and year out. Constant, prayerful labor is as essential to success in Sunday school work as in any branch of christian service.

3. Bibles. It is the opinion of your committee that Bibles are too little used in our Sunday schools. Sunday school helps are good in their place, but should not be allowed to supplant the Bible.

4. Lively and spiritual music. This is perhaps the part of Sunday school service that can be made most enjoyable under proper direction. All young people should learn to praise their Lord in song.

5. A visiting committee to canvass the homes of the community occasionally to enquire after sick and absent ones, and look up those who have never attended. Each teacher should see especially after the members of his or her class.

6. The church, as a body, must take an interest in its Sunday school, ascertaining from time to time its needs. Every school

should constantly be made to feel that the church is especially a watchcare over it.

It is the hope of this committee that the Association may be directed of the Master to take such steps as will result in the strengthening of this branch of the service.

Respectfully submitted. WM. LYMAN, Chairman.

Adopted.

The report on Aged and Infirm Ministers was read and discussed by A. E. Burns, S. A. Latham, J. M. Crenshaw.

REPORT ON AGED AND INFIRM MINISTERS.

We, your committee on Aged and Infirm Ministers, beg leave to report that our aged brethren, J. H. R. Carden, W. W. Armstrong and John Mills are still living, and have had but a meagre support heretofore from the churches and the small amount given by the Association amounts to almost nothing. Brethren, we, your committee, would earnestly recommend that some more decided action be taken to raise a fund for the aid of these ministers in their old age and infirm condition. There are, we believe, about twenty-five churches composing this Association. Can we not devise some plan by which an amount sufficient for their maintenance, or an amount at least sufficient with the help received by them from other sources, to keep them from want, be so apportioned among the different churches as to make the payment of it a light burden to all of us? With the growth of our membership and the increase of churches in the Association and the continual increase of property among our people, with which the Lord has prospered us, we can easily do this.

We recommend that pastors of churches take this matter in hand, and that a larger fund be raised for this purpose.

Your committee would further recommend that at the Conferences held by the churches in November next the pastors of the several churches place the matter of collecting this fund before their respective churches, and that each church agree what amount it will pay, and report the same to the clerk of the Association, and as the amounts are collected they be forwarded to the treasurer of the Association.

Respectfully submitted.

J. L. PETERS, Chairman.

Adopted.

The report on Temperance was read. Discussion was participated in by E. B. Teague, J. T. Cabaniss, M. P. Reynolds.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

We, your committee, submit the following report:

We believe intemperance to be one of the greatest evils of the age.

1. Because a large per cent of the murders are traceable to drunkeness; and intemperance furnishes our chaingangs and penitentiaries with the large portion of their inmates.

2. Because it robs thousands of wives and children of raiment and food, and leads husbands and sons to drunkard's graves and destroys their souls in eternal punishment.

3. Because it robs churches of their respect and brings reproach on the cause of Christ.

We regret to state that a great deal of the drinking of intoxicants is done by those who profess to be christians. We should abstain from this terrible evil on account of the condemnation to ourselves and the influence it has on others. Paul says, "It is good neither to eat flesh nor drink wine, nor anything whereof thy brother stumbleth or is offended, or is made weak." Again he says, "Destroy not him with meat for whom Christ died."

There is a great responsibility resting upon the preachers. They should lead in this great reform. From every pulpit this hydra-headed monster should be denounced. We believe with the preacher and people praying against this evil it can be put down. Therefore, we earnestly recommend that all endeavor to overcome it and trust God for results.

AMENDMENT.

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Association that any member of a Baptist church who signs a petition for the sale of intoxicating drinks should be excluded from the church.

T. M. Nelson, Chairman.

Adopted.

The report on Finance was read.

The committee reported a surplus of $7.80, which was turned over to the clerk.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

We, your committee on Finance, report as follows:

For State Missions	$ 1.00
Home Missions	2.75
Foreign Missions	5.86
Ministerial Education	18.50
Indigent Ministers	2.55
Orphan's Home	18.55
Minutes	17.60
Associational purposes	24.90
Surplus	7.80
Total	99.51
By amount paid over to treasurer	99.51

Respectfully submitted.

J. M. Crenshaw, Chairman,

Adopted.

The treasurer's report was read.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

C. W. O'Hara, treasurer, in account with Shelby Association

RECEIPTS.

Sept.	2, 1897.	To balance last report	$69.65
Oct.	4	Florence church	25
	26	Summer Hill church for indg. ministers	2.30
Nov.	7	Liberty church " " "	6.50
Feb.	9, 1898.	Summer Hill church " " "	1.42
Mch.	8	Hopewell church " " "	1.90
June	20	Summer Hill church " " "	66
		Total	82.68

DISBURSEMENTS.

Sept.	3, 1897.	By Calera church	2.25
	15	J. H. R. Carden, indigent minister	2.23
		W. W. Armstrong, " "	2.23
		J. T. Parker, " "	1.00
		Board of Ministerial Education	4.00
	16	State Mission Board	6.20
		Home Mission Board	4.00
		Foreign Mission Board	4.65
		Orphan's Home	2.90
	23	Minutes	22.50
Oct.	22	J. D. Mills, indigent minister	2.24
Nov.	19	J. H. R. Carden, " "	3.29
Dec.	6	W. W. Armstrong, " "	2.76
	9	J. D. Mills, " "	2.75
May	18, 1898.	J. H. R Carden, " "	1.10
		W. W. Armstrong, " "	1.10
	29	J. D. Mills " "	1.10
July	6	Blank letters	32
		Postage	40
		Clerk's salary	15.00
		On hand for indigent ministers	66
		Total	82.68

FOR THE YEAR 1898-9.

Sept.	1, 1898.	To amount brought for'd., indg. ministers	66
		rec'd from Finance Committee.	99.51
		Total	100.17

Respectfully submitted. C. W. O'HARA, Treasurer.

Adopted.

As the committee on Periodicals failed to report, the following resolution was offered in lieu thereof:

Resolved, That we recommend the liberal patronage of our

denominational literature—The Alabama Baptist, Foreign Mission Journal, and the Sunday School Literature of the Southern Baptist Convention, as published by our Sunday School Board at Nashville Tenn.

Adopted.

Appointed Standing Committees.

On Family Religion.—J. E. Adams, A. F. Carden, B. C. Hughes.

On Education.—C. C. Slaton, J. T. McMillan, H. T. Caffey.

On Ministerial Education.—J. L. Peters, J. S. Falkner, W. L. Davis.

On Periodicals.—T. M. Nelson, E. L. Barber, James Collier.

On Aged and Infirm Ministers.—J. M. Crenshaw, J. R. Davis, B. C. Davis.

On State Missions.—W. H. Connell, H. C. Owen, J. S. Moore.

On Home Missions.—M. P. Reynolds, Wm. Lyman, C. L. Meroney.

On Foreign Missions.—J. F. Averyt, L. C. Abbott, Newman Curlee.

On Temperance.—T. J. Cabaniss, J. C. Lyon, J. M. Taylor.

On Sabbath Schools.—J. M. Collier, A. J. Day, David Jackson.

On Orphans' Home.—Wm. Lyman, H. C. Reynolds, J. W. Arnold.

The following resolution was offered by E. B. Teague, D. D.

Resolved, That the Association respectfully, but earnestly, recommend that delegates hereafter appointed to attend the Association be appointed with a definite understanding that they remain until the business of the Association be closed.

Adopted.

Rev. A. E. Burns addressed the Association in the interest of Institute Work, after which he was requested to prepare a paper on Institute Work to be printed in the Minutes.

INSTITUTE WORK.

Resolved, That we recognize in Ministerial Institute Work a means of rendering invaluable assistance to the hosts of pastors on the field. To those who have enjoyed limited advantages in early life the Institute is a Godsend; nor is the benefits to be derived confined to preachers alone. Deacons, Sunday school workers and all who attend them derive great good, from the same.

Resolved, That the State Board of Ministerial Institute Work, appointed by the Alabama Baptist State Convention, is worthy of our cordial sympathy and support, at least, equal to that given to the other enterprises fostered by the denomination.

Resolved, That we bespeak for Rev. G. S. Anderson, the corresponding secretary, the confidence and cooperation of all those who love our Lord in sincerity. We affectionately urge all workers in the Lord's vineyard to attend his Institutes whenever an opportunity is afforded to do so. We do this in full confidence that none will ever regret the time thus devoted to learning how to study, teach, and preach God's Word.

A. E. BURNS.

Resolved, That our delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention be instructed to bring before the Convention the subject of memorializing the next general assembly of the State of Alabama in reference to increased appropriations for public schools.

Adopted.

Resolved, That M. P. Reynolds, W. H. Connell and J. M. Collier be appointed as a committee to examine David Jackson in reference to his call to the ministry and if, in their judgment, he be found worthy that he be adopted by this Association as a theological beneficiary and that the Association pay $20 for his benefit.

Adopted.

REPORT ON NOMINATIONS.

Executive Committee.—C. W. O'Hara, W. G. Parker, L. L. Padgett, T. M. Nelson.

To preach introductory sermon at next session.—T. M. Nelson; alternate, J. W. Day.

To preach Missionary Sermon.—M. P. Reynolds; alternate, W. H. Connell.

Delegates to Southern Baptist Convention.—M. P. Reynolds; alternate, W. H. Connell.

Delegates to the State Convention.—W. H. Connell, M. P. Reynolds, S. A. Latham, R. H. Pratt, J. F. Averyt, L. L. Padgett, H. C. Reynolds, J. E. Adams, B. C. Hughes, J. M. Crenshaw, T. M. Nelson.

Next session of the Association will be held with Dogwood Grove church, commencing on Tuesday before the first Sunday in September, 1899.

Respectfully submitted. L. L. PADGETT, Chairman.

Adopted.

Resolved, by this Association, That we fully appreciate the christian kindness and brotherly love with which we have been received into the homes of the citizens of Columbiana and community, and that we will bear in mind and heart a grateful memory of the royal entertainment they have given us.

Adopted.

"God be with you" was sung, the parting hand extended and prayer was offered by E. B. Teague, after which the Association adjourned sine die.

C. W. O'HARA, Clerk. R. H. PRATT, Moderator.

ORDAINED MINISTERS.	POST-OFFICE
N. T. Lucas	Montevallo, Ala.
M. P. Reynolds	Montevallo, Ala.
J. G. Thornton	Montevallo, Ala.
I. N. Walker	Green Pond, Ala.
W. W. Armstrong	Wilsonville, Ala.
J. C. Lyon	Wilsonville, Ala.
E. B. Teague	Redlawn, Ala.
C. W. O'Hara	Columbiana, Ala.
G. W. Crumpton	Columbiana, Ala.
J. D. Mills	Maylene, Ala.
J. H. R. Carden	Weldon, Ala.
B. C. Hughes	Weldon, Ala.
W. H. Connell	Six Mile, Ala.
W. D. Hubbard	Greenville, Ala.
F. H. Farrington	Wilmington, N. C.
T. M. Nelson	Shelby Springs, Ala.
J. W. Day	Calera, Ala.
W. W. Kirkland	Vincent, Ala.
LICENTIATES.	
W. M. Kerbo	Furnace, Ala
James Davis	Columbiana, Ala.
Thomas Davis	Columbiana, Ala.
I. J. Davis	Columbiana, Ala.
G. W. Moore	Columbiana, Ala.
J. H. Smith	Lewis, Ala.
T. J. Cabaniss	Lewis, Ala.
J. W. Whitfield	Columbiana, Ala.

Statistics of Shelby Association, 1898.

CHURCH.	COUNTY.	PASTOR.	CLERK.	CLERK'S P O	Membership Last Reported
*Bethlehem	Shelby	Not represented	J. W. Arnold	Bismark	16
*Brierfield	Bibb	No Letter	J. M. Collier	Brierfield	31
Bethesda	Shelby	G. M. Lowrey	C. C. Seale	Wilsonville	119
Cahaba Valley	Bibb	W. H. Connell	E. B. McGuire	Six Mile	144
Columbiana	Shelby	A. E. Burns	A. P. Longshore	Columbiana	93
Centre Hill	do	B. C. Hughes	J. C. Coker	Wilsonville	40
Calera	do	M. M. Wood	J. T. McMillan	Calera	31
Dogwood Grove	do	J. D. Martin	R. E. Woolley	Dogwood	121
Enon	do	No Letter			45
Florence	do	B. C. Hughes	J. M. Crenshaw	Lewis	55
‡Free Springs	Bibb	R. H. Long	W. D. Brown	Brierfield	
Helena	Shelby	J. G. Thornton	G. L. Thompson	Helena	46
Kingdom	do	G. W. Lowrey	A. H. Templin	Columbiana	59
Longview	do	W. B. Carter	W. B. Dever	Longview	38
Liberty	do	R. A. Kidd	A. F. Carden	Weldon	149
Mt Calvary	do	G. M. Lowrey	J. L. Mooney	Pelham	54
Montevallo	do	M. P. Reynolds	C. L. Meroney	Montevallo	96
*Mars Hill	Jefferson	Not represented			51
Macedonia	Shelby	N J. Jarvis	J. G. Harris	Montevallo	42
New Prospect	do	G. M. Lowrey	W. C. Carden	Weldon	62
New Hopewell	do	T. M. Nelson	H. L. D. Phillips	Shelby Spr'gs	63
*New Antioch	do	Not represented			190
‡Pilgrim's Rest	do	N. T. Lucas	H. K. Thomas	Lynch	
Rocky Ridge	do	Geo. Crumpton	W. M. Davis	Columbiana	67
Six Mile	Bibb	W. H. Connell	W. C. Pratt	Six Mile	80
Summer Hill	Shelby	T. M. Nelson	L. Q. Gould	Columbiana	43
Shelby	do		W. R. Craig	Shelby	53
					1668

*The previous total is given where the church is not represented.
‡ Newly constituted churches.

Statistics of Shelby Association, 1898.

Increase by—				Decrease by—				Present Membership	SUNDAY SCHOOL.			Preaching Sabbaths	Reports Prayer Meeting.	Reports revival
Baptism	Letter	Statement	Restoration	Letter	Exclusion	Erasure	Death		Officers and Teachers	Pupils	Superintendent's name and post office address			
...	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	16	....	....	.....	....	.....	..
..	....	..	..	....	..	..	..	31	....	....	.....	....	.....	..
5	4	..	..	3	2	..	..	123	5	50	W. Spearman, Wilsonv'le	4	.....	..
3	2	..	..	6	5	..	2	136	13	125	H. L. Wallace, Six Mile.	4	.....	..
..	15	..	2	9	..	5	..	73	9	55	J. S. Falkner, C'l'mbiana	3	Weekly.....	1
2	13	..	..	13	..	..	..	38	6	23	J.H.Crawford, Wil'n'v'lle	1	Weekly	..
..	5	1	..	..	..	..	..	37	6	52	C C. Slaton, Calera	1	.....	..
9	10	8	1	2	3	..	2	142	....	....	.....	2	Weekly	..
..	3	..	..	1	..	..	..	48	7	40	Van Wallace, Mont'vallo	....	.....	..
7	2	1	1	4	..	..	1	61	....	....	.....	3	.....	..
..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	34	....	....	.....	....	.....	..
6	....	..	..	2	2	1	..	48	....	....	.....	4	.....	..
8	11	..	1	7	1	..	1	70	....	....	.....	1	.....	..
2	6	..	..	3	..	..	..	43	....	....	.....	4	.....	..
1	..	..	..	6	1	..	2	141	9	100	M. J. Cooper, Coalville..	1	.....	..
3	3	..	1	6	..	..	2	53	....	....	.....	2	.....	..
1	8	..	..	2	..	..	1	102	16	125	Wm Lyman, Montevallo	2&4	Weekly	..
..	....	..	..	..	..	..	..	51	....	....	.....	....	.....	..
....	6	..	..	6	..	..	..	42	....	....	.....	3	.....	..
....	1	1	1	12	1	2	1	49	6	50	J. E. Adams, Weldon....	2	.....	..
....	3	..	..	2	4	..	..	66	....	....	.....	1	.....	..
..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	100	....	....	.....	....	.....	..
2	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	21	....	....	.....	....	.....	..
....	..	..	..	6	..	..	..	61	....	....	.....	4	.....	..
....	4	..	1	13	1	..	1	91	7	40	R. R. Arnold Six Mile..	1	.....	..
5	1	..	..	....	..	..	..	49	7	55	J.C.Reinhardt, Sh'y Sp'gs	4	.....	..
....	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	49	7	75	J. F. Averyt Shelby.....	....	.....	..
54	103	11	8	107	20	8	13	1775	98	790				

Financial Exhibit of Shelby Association for year 1898.

CHURCHES.	MISSIONS.					EDUCATION.					HOME EXPENSES			TOTAL	Value of Property
	State	Home	Foreign	Bible Fund	Indig. Ministers	Ministerial	College Building	Incidental	Orphan's Home	Minutes and Associational purp's	Pastor's Salary	Repairs and New Buildings	Poor, fuel, Sunday Schools, etc.		
‖Bethlehem															
¶Brierfield															
Bethesda										$ 3 00	$ 30 00	$ 10 10			$ 1011 00
Cahaba Valley	$ 1 68	$ 1 05	$ 1 08		2 55	$ 75			$ 1 15	2 25	91 00	9 00	$ 13 00	$ 45 23	400 00
Columbiana	16 02	17 36	57 00	$ 2 51		2 75		$11 35	11 22	2 50	200 00	38 90	18 83	123 81	400 00
Center Hill										1 90				378 47*	1200 00
Calera														1 90	75 00
Dogwood Grove			1 00			5 00				1 10	150 00	44 00	6 00	206 10‡	1500 00
Enon								9 00	3 00	1 65	50 00			64 65	250 00
Florence										1 25				1 25	250 00
Free Springs										1 00				1 00	
Helena						5 00				1 00				1 00	
Kingdom										1 00				6 00	800 00
Longview	6 00		50				$ 2 50	25 00		2 00				2 00	300 00
Liberty	6 70				6 50	10 00				1 00	111 35	50 00		196 35	575 00
Mt Calvary										2 85	75 00		4 00	105 05	250 00
Montevallo	16 65	20 16	9 75			10 00		148 37	11 25	2 50				2 50	250 00
‖Mars Hill										3 00	450 00		51 10	720 28†	3500 00
Macedonia															200 00
New Prospect										1 50				1 50	150 00
New Hopewell										1 50				1 50	200 00
‖New Antioch					1 90					1 40	24 90			28 20	100 00
Pilgrim's Rest															
Rocky Ridge										1 00				1 00	
Six Mile					1 00					2 40				3 40	200 00
Summer Hill	6 75		1 75			10 00				2 50	100 00		5 00	126 00	800 00
Shelby	69	10 5			4 35			3 60		1 70	34 35		1 43	47 17	200 00
Collections at Association	15 12	3 00	3 00			12 00			22 25	2 50	56 24		73 13	187 24	1000 00
									10 15					10 15	
	69 61	44 32	75 81	2 51	15 30	55 50	2 50	197 32	59 05	42 50	1372 84	152 00	172 49	2261 75	13611 00

‖ Not represented. ¶ No letter.

* $33.70 paid by S. S. † $44 by Ladies' Aid Society. ‡ $6.85 by Sun Beams. $51.05 by Ladies' Aid Society, and $36.37 by Sunday School.